

## 48A C.J.S. Judges § 31

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### Judges

Joseph Bassano, J.D.; Khara Singer-Mack, J.D.; Thomas Muskus, J.D; Karl Oakes, J.D. and Jeffrey J. Shampo, J.D.

### II. Selection, Eligibility, and Qualification

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The purpose and intent of a system providing for a judicial nominating commission is to assist the governor in finding and appointing the best qualified persons available for service as judges.<sup>1</sup> Another purpose behind providing for a nominating commission in the appointive process is to place a restraint upon making purely political appointments without an overriding consideration of qualification and ability.<sup>2</sup> Such a system assists the electorate in electing the best qualified persons to the courts, while insulating judges from political influence and pressure, and enhances the prestige of and respect for the courts by making them nonpolitical.<sup>3</sup>

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### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Tenn.—Bredesen v. Tennessee Judicial Selection Com'n, 214 S.W.3d 419 (Tenn. 2007).

<sup>2</sup> Fla.—Pleus v. Crist, 14 So. 3d 941 (Fla. 2009).

3 Tenn.—[Bredesen v. Tennessee Judicial Selection Com'n](#), 214 S.W.3d 419 (Tenn. 2007).

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